

To: Renewable Advisory Board

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Subject: Update

The following is the monthly update for the Renewable Energy Fund:

1. The Wind RFI was drafted and distributed to the Advisory Board for comments. At this writing the RFI is being finalized and a distribution list assembled. The Advisory Board is asked to provide the SEO with contact information of any individuals who should receive the RFI, or alternatively to pass it on when you receive it by email.
2. Bob Grace is drafting an RFP for incentives for PV on commercial buildings (including municipal and non-profits).
3. Education and Outreach/Think Energy. Think Energy held meetings on April 4 and April 30 for the Renewable Energy Customer Aggregation ("RECA"), a group of RI businesses that have agreed to participate in an education program leading to green purchases. The next meeting will be held on May 14. The RECA program is supported by the Fund as part of its Outreach and Education efforts.

The April 4 meeting provided an introduction and overview of renewable energy, where renewable resources exist and how to purchase renewable energy either from the grid or in the form of on-site generation. The April 30 meeting was a "mini-trade show" which provided the businesses with an opportunity to speak with renewable energy vendors in small group settings. The May 14 meeting will be a group discussion and Q&A session about the information provided by vendors. Businesses will be encouraged to discuss plans that each may have to purchase green power or a renewable energy system.
4. There has been an ongoing issue of non-cooperation between the local electrical contractor who is to install the PV systems for the Solar on Schools program and the solar vendor who was a co-respondent to the RFP for the installation of the systems. I have made several attempts to resolve the issue and am now at the point where I must take action to terminate the contract with the electrical contractor and put the job out to bid again.
5. The Bureau of Audits has made a baseline study of the Fund's activities for future review.
6. The House Finance Committee has been provided with a draft of the Guidelines and Budget for the Fund.